

SITUATION REPORT NO. 33
INCIDENT NO. 97-003
DATE: February 20, 1997 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Winter storms and blizzard conditions statewide.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: North Dakota's Notice of Interest to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was disapproved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII on February 15. North Dakota had previously received HMGP funds for the last four presidentially-declared disasters. This program, authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Act for implementation during a presidentially-declared disaster, provides matching grants to local and state governments for protection of lives and property. The N.D. State Hazard Mitigation Team had identified several preventive measures for this program to mitigate damages caused by the snow disaster.

Representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will explain the SBA Disaster Relief Program during informational meetings scheduled in south central and eastern North Dakota. SBA representatives will also meet individually with business owners to answer specific questions and to offer assistance in completion of loan applications.

Date and Time	City	Meeting Purpose	Location
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Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m.	Bismarck	Informational	600 S. Second St., Lower Level Meeting Room
Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Bismarck	Individual	Bismarck Public Library, Room C, 515 N. 5th St.
Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m.	Jamestown	Informational	Jamestown Law Enforcement Center, Lower Level Meeting Room, 205 6th St. SE
Feb. 25, 8 a.m. -12 p.m.	Jamestown	Individual	Same location as above
Feb. 25, 7-9 p.m.	Fargo	Informational	Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center, Brahm Room, 1635 42nd. St. SW
Feb. 26-27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fargo	Individual	To be arranged
Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m.	Wahpeton	Informational	Richland County Law Enforcement Center, Community Center, 413 3rd Ave. N.
Feb. 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Wahpeton	Individual	Richland County Law Enforcement Center, Emergency Management Conference Room
March 3, 7-9 p.m.	Grand Forks	Informational	Grand Forks Civic Auditorium, 615 1st Ave. N.
March 4-5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Grand Forks	Individual	Same as above

Meetings are being arranged for business owners in the northern and western North Dakota.

Four N.D. National Guard dozer crews were headed home February 20 after completing snow removal missions in three counties, Dickey, Eddy and Ransom Counties. Operations in Barnes, Griggs, LaMoure and Stutsman Counties should be completed by February 21.

Local and state governments have submitted a total of 250 Notice of Interests (NOIs) to participate in the public assistance program. NOIs have been received from: one rural water district, four state agencies, three Indian Reservations, 49 counties and 193 counties. Of the state's 53 counties, 44 have indicated that all NOIs have been submitted for their counties.

State and federal inspectors are meeting with local officials to develop Damage Survey Reports. To date, the Devils Lake inspectors have met with 10 counties and 31 cities; the Valley City officials met with 11 counties and 29 cities; Minot inspectors met with 22 counties and 18 cities; and Bismarck inspectors met with 11 counties and 43 cities. One federal and one state inspector have moved from the Bismarck Satellite Office to the Devils Lake Satellite Office.

The Disaster Field Office (DFO) has received 36 Damage Survey Reports (DSRs). Of those, 32 have been obligated and submitted to the N.D. Division of Emergency

Management for delivery to applicants. Eight of the public assistance applicants have submitted all their DRSs for processing.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: A delay may occur during the next few days in posting Situation Reports on N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Internet home page. Division staff members are in the process of relocating computer equipment and office supplies to the Division's new office area. Situation Reports and photos of snow removal efforts are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: "<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>".

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